eligible retired and Central Govt. employees residing in whole of the area of Noida but the domiciliary visit facility will be restricted to 4 Kms. radius. The existing CGHS dispensary will be shifted in new premises after the CGHS building has been constructed.

Administration of DGHS

960. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the purchase of medicines of about Rs. 30 to 40 crores per annum made by the Medical Stores Department of DGHS and the salary paid to its employees amounting to about 20-25 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government have a proposal to reduce the strength of DGHS or to check the stock of Medical Stores as stock of crores of rupees is lying unconsumed and out-dated; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The details of materials purchased and salary paid during the last three years is as given below:

(Rs. In crores)

Year	Material Purchased	Salary Paid
1996-97	150.00	7.50
1997-98	110.00	10.14
1998-99	46.41	11.63

(b) and (c) Regular monitoring and inspection of Medical Stores Depots, Purchase of proprietary drugs only against confirmed demands, and maintaining of buffer stocks of only fast moving

generic dnigs are some of the measures being taken to ensure no accumulation of stocks. Also, the staff strength against current workload is periodically being reviewed.

Appeadis Operations m Dr. Ram Mancdiar Lophia Hospital

†961. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise number of appendix operation performed in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital from 1st to 31st July, 1999, together with the names of the doctors under whose supervision these operations were performed;

(b) die number of patients shifted during this period, without conducting any investigation, to the Orthopaedic Department due to post-operation pain and other complaints and also negligence of concerned doctors;

(c) whether Government have taken action against anyone after fixing responsibility for the said troubles caused to the patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The date-wise number of appendix operation performed in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital from 1st to 31st July, 1999, together with the names of the doctors under whose supervision these operations were performed is given in Annexure. [See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 28]

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.